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1. LIKUD AND DMC LEADERS WILL SOON MEET FOR THE SECOND
TIME FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON DMC PARTICIPATION IN
A LIKUD-LED COALITION. SERIOUS DISAGREEMENTS SURFACED
AT THE MEETING ON TUESDAY, PARTICULARLY OVER THE WEST
BANK ISSUE. LIKUD SPOKESMEN DESCRIBED THESE DIFFERENCES
AS MERELY "TACTICAL" BUT DMC LEADERS DISAGREED AND
PREDICTED THAT THE COALITION NEGOTIATIONS WOULD DRAG
ON THROUGH JUNE.

2. LIKUD LEADERS MAY HAVE TRIED TO GLOSS OVER THEIR
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DIFFERENCES WITH THE DMC BY ARGUING THAT MAJOR ISSUES
SHOULD BE RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNMENT AFTER IT HAD BEEN
FORMED, RATHER THAN AS PART OF THE COALITION BARGAINING
PROCESS. THE DMC NEGOTIATORS APPARENTLY REJECTED THIS
LINE, AND INSISTED ON A CLEAR PICTURE OF HOW A LIKUD
GOVERNMENT WOULD IMPLEMENT ITS POLICIES ON KEY ISSUES.

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, LIKUD OFFERED THE DMC A COMPROMISE ON THE WEST BANK ISSUE WHEREBY LIKUD WOULD UNDERTAKE FORMALLY NOT TO CHANGE THE STATUS OF THE OCCUPIED AREAS UNLESS NEW ELECTIONS WERE HELD. THIS COMPROMISE, HOWEVER, SEEMS MORE APPARENT THAN REAL, SINCE A BEGIN GOVERNMENT COULD, FOR EXAMPLE, STEP UP SETTLEMENT EFFORTS --A KEY ISSUE IN THE LIKUD-DMC DISPUTE -- WITHOUT OFFICIALLY CHANGING THE STATUS OF THE WEST BANK.

3. LABOR PARTY: THE ISRAELI DAILY YEDIOT AHARONOT CLAIMED YESTERDAY THAT THE LABOR PARTY WAS CONDUCTING "SECRET" NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DMC, NRP, AND OTHER SMALLER PARTIES AIMED AT PREVENTING THE CREATION OF A LIKUD-LED GOVERNMENT. REPORTEDLY, LABOR WOULD HOPE TO FORM A MINORITY GOVERNMENT WITH THE DMC AND THE TWO SMALLER RELIGIOUS PARTIES. SUCH A GOVERNMENT WOULD THEN DEPEND ON RAKAH AND OTHER LEFTIST PARTIES FOR SUPPORT IN THE KNESSET. THE ARTICLE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT LABOR'S EFFORTS TOWARD THIS "HAVE NOT BORNE FRUIT" AS YET.

4) PERES-RABIN: PERES AND RABIN, REPORTEDLY AT ODDS OVER RABIN'S RETURN TO THE PRIME MINISTERSHIP ON MAY 24, HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON A DIVISION OF DUTIES, ACCORDING TO YEDIOT AHARONOT. RABIN WILL RUN THE AFFAIRS OF GOVERNMENT, WHILE PERES WILL ASSUME THE DUTIES OF LABOR PARTY CHIEF. ISRAELI COMMENTATORS HAD SPECULATED EARLIER THAT RABIN HAD DECIDED TO REASSUME THE POST OF PRIME MINISTER IN AN EFFORT TO REGAIN THE LEADERSHIP

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OF THE LABOR PARTY.

5) US-ISRAEL: THE ISRAELI PRESS HAS EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN OVER THE WHITE HOUSE COMMENT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER AND CROWN PRINCE FAHD HAD DISCUSSED "RECOGNIZED BORDERS" FOR A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND, ACCORDING TO EMBASSY TEL AVIV. MAARIV EDITORIALIZED THAT THE US SEEMS TO BE "TAKING GIANT STEPS" TOWARD A TERRITORIAL SOLUTION FOR THE PALESTINIANS AND SAID THAT "THIS DEVELOPMENT CONTAINS GRAVE IMPLICATIONS" FOR ISRAEL.

6) SOVIETS-ISRAEL: EMBASSY TEL AVIV HAS NOTED A FURTHER SIGN OF A THAW IN SOVIET-ISRAELI RELATIONS. ELEVEN SOVIETS HAVE REGISTERED FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON SPACE RESEARCH (COSPAR), TO BE HELD IN TEL AVIV IN JUNE. THE EMBASSY COMMENTED THAT THIS APPEARS TO BE THE FIRST TIME SINCE RELATIONS WERE SEVERED IN 1967 THAT ANY SOVIETS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN A MAJOR SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

IN ISRAEL. FOURTEEN REPRESENTATIVES FROM EASTERN

EUROPE HAVE ALSO REGISTERED FOR THE COSPAR CONFERENCE.

7. UNDOF RENEWAL: OUR MISSION IN NEW YORK REPORTS THAT THE SYRIAN MISSION HAS AGREED TO A DRAFT RESOLUTION EXTENDING UNDOF'S MANDATE FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS. THE RESOLUTION'S WORDING IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO LAST NOVEMBER'S, ACCORDING TO OUR MISSION.

8. THE JORDANIAN LEADERSHIP IS INCREASINGLY NERVOUS ABOUT WHAT IT PERCEIVES TO BE ITS GROWING ISOLATION IN THE ARAB WORLD. PARTICULARLY UPSETTING TO THE JORDANIANS WAS JORDAN'S EXCLUSION FROM THE MID-MAY RIYADH SUMMIT PRIOR TO FAHD'S US VISIT. THE JORDANIANS THINK THAT THEIR RELATIONS WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS ALREADY HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY AMMAN'S EXCLUSION FROM THE
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RIYADH MEETING. SOME GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CLAIM THEY ARE BEING SNUBBED BY ARAB LEADERS AND CONSCIOUSLY SHUT OFF FROM DISCUSSIONS ON THE PEACE PROCESS.

9. JORDANIAN LEADERS ALSO ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF BEGIN'S VICTORY. THE KING REPORTEDLY INTERPRETS THE ELECTION RESULTS AS A SIGN THAT MOST ISRAELIS DO NOT WANT A SETTLEMENT, IF IT INVOLVES GIVING UP CAPTURED TERRITORY. CONCERN HAS ALSO BEEN EXPRESSED OVER A LIKUD GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN THE WEST BANK. ISRAELI PRESS REPORTS THAT THE GUSH EMUNIM HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO SET UP 20 NEW SETTLEMENTS OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS AND BEGIN'S STATEMENTS SUPPORTING SUCH ACTIONS WILL ONLY INCREASE JORDANIAN CONCERNS.

10. IRAQ INTERNAL: ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL JORDANIAN SERVICE, AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THE IRAQI MILITARY HAS SUCCEEDED IN QUIETING THE KURDISH SITUATION IN NORTHERN IRAQ AND HAS ESTABLISHED GOOD CONTROL OVER THE AREA. OPERATIONS AGAINST THE KURDS CONTINUE, AND ABOUT 1,000 KURDS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN RECENT MONTHS.

11. SOUTH LEBANON. HEAVY ARTILLERY EXCHANGES WERE REPORTED ALONG THE ISRAELI BORDER. CHRISTIANS IN MARJAYOUN REPORTED NO CASUALTIES BUT SAID SEVERAL HOUSES WERE DESTROYED. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE CHRISTIAN ARMY COMMAND AND THE TROOPS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY STRAINED. THE SOUTHERNERS FEEL DESERTED AND BELIEVE THAT THEIR REGION HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN SOLD OUT TO THE PALESTINIANS. VANCE

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